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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 24, 2003
To: ACTAC
From: Jean Hart, Deputy Director
Frank Furger, Deputy Director
Subject: Deputy Directors' Report

I-880 Corridor – Nothing new to report.

North I-880 Operations and Safety Study - The Board approved the high priority projects at their March 27, 2003 meeting. It is anticipated that the Final Report will be available in early July.

San Pablo Avenue Corridor Study – The Policy Advisory met on June 14 to receive an update from Caltrans on the rehabilitation of San Pablo Avenue and from AC Transit on the Rapid Bus project. The Committee will meet again in September.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program – The program was initiated in April 1998. To date 133 employers and 3,053 employees have registered for the program, and 724 rides have been taken, including 14 rental car rides in the Tri-Valley rental car demonstration program. The average cost per taxi trip is now \$77.68 and the average trip length is 38.48 miles. The average trip distance for a rental car ride is 67 miles and the cost per rental car use is \$55.00, including insurance and taxes, resulting in an average rental car cost savings of \$81.00.

SMART Corridors Program - Construction is progressing. The completion of the construction activity is expected in October 2003, which would be followed with a month of system testing prior to acceptance. In order to meet the requested timelines by the AC Transit and Caltrans for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and a major pavement rehabilitation project along the San Pablo Corridor, construction activities have focused on the San Pablo Corridor. It is expected that the contractor will reach the I-880 Corridor by July 2003. The preparation work on getting the power to the SMART Corridors cabinets has already started on I-880 Corridor. The software work to allow the exchange of traffic data and video is in progress by the Bentley Systems. The construction of a Queue Jumper lane for AC Transit at the Del Norte BART station in El Cerrito is in progress. The construction of the Interim Traffic signal

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coordination project funded by AC Transit on Broadway in Oakland has been completed. The transition of the existing telecommunication services as well as the deployment of the new field telecommunication systems are in progress by SBC.

I-680 HOV Lane Project – Caltrans has completed the construction of the HOV lane from Route 84 to Route 237. The CMA's design consultant has completed the 100% PS&E for the soundwalls that will be constructed for the I-680 project. The soundwall project is scheduled to be advertised in July, but will be delayed due to the funding shortfall in the State Highway Account.

I-680 Value Pricing Study – Staff is working with the consultants to prepare a brochure identifying the findings of the feasibility study and on completion of the final report.

Dumbarton Corridor – The scope of work for a Project Study Report to analyze rail service between the Redwood Junction in San Mateo to Union City Intermodal was discussed by the Project Development Team on May 29. The study will look at connections at Shinn in Fremont and improvements to the Alvarado Niles Junction and environmental screening. It is expected to be completed in early 2004.

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor – The Draft EIR/EIS is scheduled to be released in summer 2003 and approval of the final document is scheduled for spring 2004. Conceptual design, public outreach and additional studies will also be underway.

I-238 Improvements – Caltrans is continuing work on the environmental document for the widening of I-238 between I-880 and I-580. The document will cover both the northbound widening project programmed by the CMA for funding in the STIP as well as the southbound project included in the reauthorization of Measure B.

I-580 HOV – Caltrans approved the final cost proposal which would permit the biology and travel demand work to continue during the suspension. The approval would likely result in a shorter delay for completing the environmental document. No additional funds will be needed from the CMA at this time to keep the project moving.

Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Enhanced Bus Service – AC Transit has issued the Notice of Preparation for the Bus Rapid Transit Project.

FAIR Lanes and Dynamic Ridesharing – The Dynamic Ridesharing RFP will be distributed upon approval of the DBE Goal by Caltrans.

Community Based Transportation Plans – The CMA Board approved the work scope for preparation of a plan in Central County (South Hayward, Cherryland and Ashland). MTC prepared the Fund Transfer Agreement. The RFP was sent out June 12th.